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A Michigan Man's Plan For Developing a Flock of Merinos.

The flock I started with were of Merino blood and would weigh eighty-five to ninety-five pounds and sheared five to six pounds of wool per head. I had been using Shropshire fams, selling the lambs to feeders, until my flock was getting old; and I had to make a change. My idea of a ewe was one that would weigh from 120 to 130 pounds, shear ten pounds or more of wool, with a long, smooth back and one or two folds on the neck. The kind of ram I wanted was like the eweonly larger, with eight to twenty

pounds of long, white wool. I found a ram of the National Delaine breed that weighed 175 pounds and sheared seventeen pounds of wool. That was ten years ago, and I have been breeding with the same idea ever since. How well I have succeeded is shown by my present flock, which consists of sixty-five ewes that will average 120 pounds and shear about ten pounds of wool.

The ewes are fed corn stover in the morning, one-half pound per head of corn and oats at noon and clover hay at night, with water before them all the time and good salt twice a week. On pleasant days the corn stover is fed in the yard, which gives them plenty of exercise. They are housed at night and during all stormy weather. I do not want them to get wet from the 1st of November until turned on pasture. The barns are quite warm and ventilated with a number of windows.

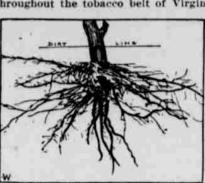
In this locality the first half of Apr is early enough for lambs to come an I find it best to have the ewes sheare before lambing. With this managment I have increased my flock 100 to 125 per ceni a year. Each year I save fifteen or twenty of my very best ewe lambs which come near my ideal. I give them the very best care, all the clover hay they will eat and about three-fourtles of a pound of grain per day, a mixture of corn and oats, half and half. I want to get as much growth as possible while they are young. They are bred at nineteen to twenty months of age, and I let as many ewes go each year as I keep lambs. The lambs from these ewes Michigan, in American Agriculturist.



TOBACCO GROWING

Interesting Points In the Culture of the Dark Tobacco of Virginia. By Messrs, M NESS and MATTHEWSON

tobacco experts, bureau of soils. The dark shipping tobacco is generally raised on rich lands and cured with open wood fires. England, France. Germany, Spain, Austria and Italy take the bulk of this tobacco, although the higher grades are used at home for plug wrappers. This tobacco is produced to greater or less extent throughout the tobacco belt of Virgin-

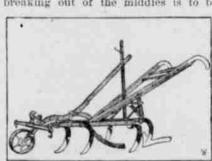


ROOT SYSTEM OF TORACCO PLANT.

but the most of it is grown south of James river in territory extending from Petersburg on the east across the Pledmont plateau to the edge of the Blue Ridge, with Lynchburg and Petersburg as the most important market centers.

In Virginia the practice is to follow tobacco with wheat and the wheat with clover for two years and then back to tobacco. On the tobacco it is the custom to apply per acre 400 pounds of a fertilizer analyzing 3 per cent ammonia, 9 per cent phosphoric acid and 3 per cent potash. This adds to the soil a total of twelve pounds of ammonia, thirty-six pounds of phosphoric acid and twelve pounds of potash per acre. It is noticeable that the requirements of tobacco for phosphoric acid are very small, but as a matter of field practice it is found that the crop will show signs of suffering from lack of this substance unless the available supply is very much in excess of the amount actually taken up by the crop. Where wheat follows tobacco no additional fertilization is given, dependence being solely upon the natural resources of the soil and the remnant of the application given the tobacco. It is seldom that more than ten or fifteen bushels of wheat to the acre is

Tobacco is a crop that with an increase in yield usually gives a corresponding increase in quality, provided the soil conditions and management are right. It has often been bund that it pays to apply very large amounts of fertilizer to a tobacco crop where it might not have proved profitable to do so with other and lower priced farm crops. The Virginia farmers generally cultivate their crops deeply, thus injuring the root system which is spreading near the surface. The rule is to give the tobacco three cultivations, using a one horse implement (the first two with a double shovel plow and the last with a turning plow), and two hoeings by hand. Except in the case of low lying delds, where there is danger from standing water, it is best to discard the turning plow entirely and use nothing but implements for shallow cultivation. This has been fully demonstrated in recent experiments where the efficiency and profitableness of frequent and shallow cultivation of tobacco have been studied. The shovel plow may be used to advantage and recommended for the first cultivation. At this time the roots of the plants have not spread into the row and the soil is likely to be packed from heavy rains and from tramping it at the time of setting. Deep, thoroug! breaking out of the middles is to be



CULTIVATOR WITH ATTACHMENTS. advised at this time, and the double shovel plow with narrow blades is

about the best tool available. As the plants grow and the roots begin to occupy the soil between the rows deep cultivation should be stopped and frequent shallow cultivation substituted. For this purpose a five toothed cultivator (Fig. 60), with an eighteen inch sweep and a depth regulating attachment, is recommended. This will keep down the weeds and preserve an effectual soil mulch, which retards surface evaporation without doing injury to the roots. About six cultivations are necessary to keep the soll in good tilth, or an average of one a week between the setting and topping seasons, the soil being worked a little toward the plant at each cultivation.

Caps For Hayeocks,

For the benefit of those who are unwilling to purchase caps for covering the cocks we wish to say that nifalfa, properly cocked, will shed water just as well as clover-in fact, many farmers claim that it will shed water even better and that it is no more difficult to cure than clover in any season. While this may be true, we urge the use of caps for the reason that alfalfa is so much more valuable than clover, and a little extra expense in this line is make excellent feeders .- F. E. Lowe, money well invested .- Farmers' Tribune

While They

By Virginia Leila Wentz

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He jumped out of the little country rig, leaving it in the hands of a freckle faced boy, and rushed up to the ticket plucking a buttercup stalk that had office just as his train was pulling out from the station.

"Pshaw!" he exclaimed trascibly, and then to the sleepy looking, contented ticket agent, "When does the next train leave for New York?"

"Two bours," replied that individual laconically.

Maverick Oliver wasn't a man to cry over spilled milk. He sat himself philosophically down in a shady recess of the waiting room and extracted a notebook. He' would look over some memoranda he had jotted down for his all those things that are bought in the solicited article for the Review and market place-and had wanted to buy then take a stroll along the country them with his father's conscience." hedges. There seemed to be a rather attractive bit of woodland just beyond. "How long must I wait for connec tions for Rosecliff?"

Something in the woman's voice, half contraito, half alto, made the man with the notebook suddenly start. He'd been so engrossedly conning his memoranda that he had scarcely noticed the incoming train, with all its attendant bustle. Now, however, a single woman's voice made him start and caused the Review article to be as far from his thoughts as the military affairs of nations B. C.

The woman's back was turned to ward Oliver, but he knew it was Eleanor. Who else in all the world had that queenly carriage, that soft slope of shoulder, that bewitching mass of

coiled chestnut hair? "For Rosecliff?" came the ticket agent's monotonous voice as he caress ed his wrinkled forehead with the back of his hand, "A half hour, ma'am. 'Train's sixteen minutes late.' The woman turned impatiently away

from the window. It was then they came face to face.

"You!" cried Oliver, springing up. She stood there in the barren waiting room, filling its emptiness with the richness of her charm. 'To the man's hungry eyes she was food of the most satisfying as well as of the most delicate sort. She did not hold out her hand. Never

theless she encountered him not in her old imperious fashion, but with a smile including him in some mood too large to be wholly personal. "How you have changed, Eleanor!"

be cried involuntarily. "Are you, too, waiting for a train?" she answered softly in return. "In which direction do you go?"

"South-to New York," said Oliver 'And you?" "To Rosecliffe, fourteen miles east." Oliver took her umbrella and tiny sult case from her, and then they walked slowly up and down the platform together, man and woman, instead of husband and wife, held apart

cepted. In the fields, all around, the buttercups were golden and the wild carrot arm, and her eyes were brimming with was in white, lacelike flower. Over in the woods beyond some song birds, waking from their summer siesta, were beginning to warble. A group of traveling men was lounging on the railing at the far end of the platform, expectorating copiously to punctuate the

points in their stories. Oliver dusted the platform steps at handkerchief, and the woman sat serenely down, her delicate profile outlined against the clear blue of the sky like some exquisite cameo. She had always been beautiful, though. It wasn't that which made the man ex- history remote from the literary fad of claim again Prepressibly:

"You've changed so, Eleanor!" It was true. It was no mere fancy of his Imaginative writer's eye that discov- this chateau that Francis I, breathed ered new meanings in the face before his last and Charles X. was deserted him. It had undergone a vague but in his death. It is not generally very gracious transformation.

"Changed?" repeated she, with curious tenderness. "I've tried to bouillet belonged to the Duc de Penchange-tried, do you understand? Since last winter, when we agreed to Mme, de Montespan. Louis XVL wish-Maverick-to take control of my own sire became a fixed passion, which we stunted nature, turn it where it twists".

"Dear," broke in Oliver, with a bitter humility, "we were both to blameboth, do you hear? And I'm afraid the duke graciously replied: "God i you've been cleverer than I if you've bid that I should be the cause of yo unsnarled things where they failed to unhappiness. Sire, Rambouillet fit the pattern. I've not changed much, I'm afraid." Under her black lashes the woman

smiled at him with a reverence he might have translated thad he been high plumed) as some loyal acquiescence in his former state. What Oliver felt now, however, was curlosity in his young wife, not in himself. So-"Tell me," he burst forth, "what has

changed you so?" She rolled up her absurd little handkerchief into a string and, throwing it ever her knee, pulled it unconsciously by both ends, gazing steadfastly into the blue distance above Oliver's head. "I don't know whether I ought to

tell you," she began. Oliver recalled that delicious little habit she used to have of tempting the fates shyly, of hesitating when she

meant to be right down outrageous. "Of course you ought," he urged. "You always do in the end, you know, and it will save time." Under her playfulness he had allowed himself to grow light hearted.

"Well, then"- she began, but her voice trailed off vaguely. Her cheeks took on a pinker bloom; she forgot the handkerchief and finished her thought

with a mature dignity that became her like the armor of her sex. "Our little boy, Maverick-our little

boy has changed me." "Ah! Our boy"- Oliver broke c

abruptly, for something had sudden clutched him by the throat.

The woman hastily brushed her tears away and went on practically: "You'd be proud of him, Maverick-

such strong, agile limbs-and he hasthe will of a little savage." "Let me see," Oliver said brusquely, stooping over the platform's edge and

ambitiously grown up from the gravel.

"He must be eleven months now." "Yes. He was five when-when you last saw him." She kept her eyes deliberately fixed upon the high railroad trestles in the blue distance. "Do you know, he's been such a help to me. I've told him all the things I wanted to tell you-told him that his mother had been a valn, silly, girlish tyrant who, coming straight from the convent. wanted to have everything this world had to give-money, fame, position-

Over the trestles the smoke of the incoming train was seen. There were the usual bustle and running to and fro on the platform, selzing of hand bags, carting of trunks, and so on. Whatever swift, mutual, soul revelations Oliver and his wife had been on the point of making dissolved into nothingness, jarred by the prosaic commotion of traffic. It was a pity, too, for with Eleanor's last words her face had melted into a pliant sweetness, her exquisite mouth had taken on sudden quivering little curves. She had seemed about to say, "Ambition, selfishness, the cruelty of pride-all these things have gone, Maverick."

She didn't say that, however. Instead she rose from the wooden step which her husband had dusted for her. "I'm glad you found me changed," she said merely. Something in the man's honest soul overflooded.

"I, too.-I, too, Eleanor, will change!" cried he.

"Ah, you've no need to," answered she, meeting honesty with honesty. "You've been growing like the trees yonder"-she nodded in the direction of the woodland-"for years, straight and strong. I had to be pruned. I had"

The train's screeching whistle dea ened her words. It came rushing to and stopped. Oliver still held Eleanor's tiny suit case and umbrella in his hand. There was a confused sound of greeting to the passengers who had alighted and the clamor of hotel runners and bus drivers.

"Now, then, step lively!" cried the brakeman as the last much bundled old woman descended, allowing the impatient traveling men to climb aboard. Oliver and his wife were the last of the crowd. He helped her aboard, found he

chair for her in the parlor car, then turned miserably to meet her eyes. "All aboard," came the strident voice of the conductor. The train be-

gan to move almost imperceptibly.

"Goodby!" cried Oliver, battling with strong emotion, but conscious of the by some strange flat they had both ac- increasing movement of the train. Then as he bent over her seat the

woman laid a trembling hand on his

slow tears. "Goodby, Maverick? Don't you want

to go with me to our baby?"

"Good heavens! Eleanor, do I want Some lonely passengers at the other end of the car wondered what had suddenly illumined the man's handsome face with that electric thrill of joy. the other end of the walk with his Then the telegraph poles began to whiz by. Oliver had forgotten New

York.

A Famous French Palace. The Chateau de Rambouillet has a the eighteenth century which has made the word Rambouillet significant of an epoch of French culture. It was in known, however, how Louis XVI, be 3 came its proprietor. Until 1785 Ramthievre, grandson of Louis XIV, and warate, I've been trying-so hard, ed very much to possess it. This deaugmented by his dislike of its own er. But one day he declared, "I possession of Rambouillet would the happiness of my life." To wh yours on your own terms." The pric fixed was 11,000,000 francs, of which 6,000,000 were paid the next day in gold from the royal treasury.

Miss Nonb.

A child was brought to a Yorksh vicar for baptism. As he was tolu that the name was to be Noah, he naturally referred to the infant as "he" in the course of the service. Soon he felt his surplice pulled by one of the women, who whispered to him that "it was a lass,"

"But Noah is not a girl's name," said

the parson. "Yes, it is," spoke up the child's fa-

An adjournment was made to the vestry to settle the point. The father said that whenever he had a child to be named he opened the Bible and chose the first name of the proper sex that met his eye. The clergyman insisted that in the present case a mistake had been made, whereupon th father opened the Bible at Number xxvi, 33, and read, "The names of th daughters of Zelophehad were Noah

There was no more to be said.